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Members of the Human Services Committee Connecticut General Assembly

RE: <u>H.B. 6618</u> "An Act Concerning Medical Assistance for Certain Persons Receiving Abortion Care and Related Services in Connecticut"

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee

I am writing to voice my opposition to H.B. 6618, and to ask you not to pass this bill out of committee.

Abortion is a crime against humanity, and the abortion industry is committing genocide on a scale far surpassing Adolph Hitler's "final solution" or Cambodian Dictator Pol Pot's "killing fields." Abortion is the intentional premeditated killing of a defenseless, innocent human being. It is not health care – it is murder. As such, it cannot be justified by personal belief, ideolology or economic status. Abortion is murder, and those who aid and abet a murderer or pay a murderer for hire are equally culpable.

The idea that the State of Connecticut would use my tax dollars to fund the murder of an innocent child is unconscionable and highly offensive. I would strongly support an exemption from state income and inheritance taxation for people of conscience who object to having their tax dollars used to for this purpose.

If the proponents of this bill believe strongly that a woman should have the "right" to kill her own child, let them pay for the woman to have her abortion in Connecticut out of their own pockets, and let their complicity rest on their individual consciences. (That is, so long as abortion remains legal in Connecticut, which, I hope, will end shortly.)

I would be remiss if I did not mention that this bill has implications that do not bode well for the survival of our constitutional republic. I do not know whether or not it directly violates the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the United States Constitution, but it certainly appears to present at least an indirect challenge to, if not a direct confrontation with, the laws of our sister states who have seen fit to outlaw abortion. At the very least, it invites litigation in Federal Court.

By inviting women to cross state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion which would be illegal in their home state, this bill encourages disrespect for the rule of law, generally. This is something that ought to be avoided, if we are to live in a civilized society.

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Moreover, this bill contains no safeguards against underage women being brought to Connecticut for the purpose of obtaining abortions. Many underage women are victims of rape by older men or family members who then coerce their victims to abort their babies as a means of destroying the evidence and perpetuating their crimes. Proposed H.B. 6618 would induce or entice the transportation of such vulnerable women across state lines, thereby contributing to sex trafficking, in violation of Federal criminal law.

For all of the above reasons, I urge you to vote NO on H.B. 6618.

Respectfully,

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